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TEN CENTS A WEEK

SPEECH OF WILLETT IS ORDERED EXPUNGED

Special Committee Says That It is House's Duty to
Protect President From Personal Abuse.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—Recommending that the speech delivered in the House last week by Representative Willett of New York, in which the President was severely criticized, be expunged from the Congressional Record, the select committee appointed to consider the speech submitted its report to the House. A letter written to the committee by Representative Willett, urging that his speech should remain on record, accompanied the report.

Declaring that "the consideration of the speech in question involves a consideration of what is and what is not orderly debate in the House," the committee's report defines the privileges of members of the House and limitations of debate. It discusses at length the relationship of the two houses of Congress and the relations which must be maintained between the House or Representatives and the President, in accordance with the constitution.

The report declares that it would seem that the "peculiar constitutional duties of the House in relation to the power of impeaching the President do not preclude a clear line of distinction between that criticism of acts and conduct necessary for performance of the constitutional duties of the House and a criticism merely personal and irritating."

It also claims that it is especially the duty of the House itself to protect the President "from that personal abuse, innuendo or ridicule tending to excite disorder in the house itself and to create a personal antagonism on the part of the President toward the House, and which is not related to the power of the House under the constitution to examine into the acts and conduct of the President."

"Your committee has carefully considered the remarks of the gentleman

from New York," continues the report, "and find that his remarks concerning the President are not justified by any consideration of the constitutional duties or powers of the House; that they transcend proper limits or criticism in debate; that they are destructive of that courtesy, respect and dignity which ought to be preserved, and that they ought not to remain in the permanent official record of the proceedings in the House."

The committee claimed that it was impossible to separate the objectionable remarks from the remainder of the speech, and that the only way to eliminate the remarks considered out of order would be to strike out the entire speech. It cited as a precedent for such action by the House the speech of Robert P. Kennedy, of Ohio, attacking the Senate, made in the House on September 3, 1890, which was excluded from the permanent record.

Willett Sends Letter.

In his letter to the committee Mr. Willett claims that he did not transcend the rules of the House, but that he was entirely within his rights to make the speech under the order of general debate. "Freedom of speech has always been held so sacred," he declared, "that the utmost latitude has been allowed in debate, and I respectfully submit that to strike my speech from the record in this instance will establish a precedent extremely dangerous."

The resolution recommended by the special committee for adoption of the House reads:

"Resolved, That the speech of Mr. Willett printed in the daily Congressional Record of January 18, 1909, contains language improper and in violation of the privileges of debates, and that the same be stricken from the permanent record."

HOLLOWAY CALLS EDUCATORS TOGETHER

TALLAHASSEE, Jan. 28.—According to the requirements of paragraph 2, section 46, page 19, of the digest of school laws of Florida, Hon. W. M. Holloway, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will call a convention of county superintendents, high school principals, and others who may be interested in the cause of education to meet at Lake City March 16-18.

Heretofore these conventions have been held at the capital in April, during the session of the Legislature, but Mr. Holloway has decided that an earlier date is desirable on account of the short length of time at the disposal of those whose duty it is to formulate the ideas and suggestions gained at these conventions into bills to be enacted into laws by the Legislature then convened. Usually by the time the bills are ready the Legislature is in its last days of rush and confusion, a state not conducive to a quiet consideration of important measures; so, in order to avoid having matters pertaining to the schools passed over or given but scant and unsatisfactory consideration, Mr. Holloway intends that this time everything shall be in readiness before the 6th of April, 1909.

It is of the most vital importance that the coming Legislature shall recognize existing school conditions and bring the State out of the chaos produced by the recent supreme court decision.

MELROSE NEWS.

(By Observer.)

MELROSE, Jan. 28.—Right Rev. E. G. Weed, assisted by Rev. C. B. Hedrick, held services at Trinity church on Sunday. Two large and appreciative congregations listened to the most excellent sermons preached by the Bishop. During the offertories Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pearsall rendered "The Lord is My Light," by Allison, and "Praise Ye the Lord," by Vordl. The church was beautifully decorated. During his visit the Bishop was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rammel.

Attention is called to the Masonic supper at the Huffman House at 6:30 p. m., on February 5th. The public is cordially invited.

The martins arrived on January 21, about ten days earlier than last year.

The wooden drains on Belamy avenue, near the postoffice, and on Pearl street, are being replaced by clay tiling. A much needed improvement.

Service will be held at 11 a. m. on January 31st at the Lutheran church.

Newly registered at the Huffman House are Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Black of Boston, Mass.

Miss M. McLaine of Coreopolis, Pa., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Waters.

JUDSON ITEMS.

JUDSON, Jan. 28.—After a great many changes and moving around everybody have settled down to work plowing and fixing lands for another crop. J. F. Stockman of Trenton has rented Mrs. Carter's house here and has moved into it; C. H. Bagley has rented and moved to the Ira Carter place; John Quincey has moved to the Brown place; Doc Thomas of Dutton and his mother are going to farm with J. H. Johnson. G. A. Perryman has moved to the Hussey place; J. J. Palmer moved away from there to High Springs to work with his father, J. J. Palmer, Sr.

Dr. Ramond Sanchez has taken himself a wife, a daughter of C. W. McElroy, and the couple are living with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sanchez.

The dry weather prevailing here has caused wells and ponds to go dry. The lands are getting hard to break, and gardens are dying for want of rain.

James Coleman and his son-in-law,

JUROR ADMITS THAT HE WAS DRINKING

Judge in Carmack Case Orders Officers to Stop
Giving Jurors Whiskey.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 28.—The first day of the second week of the trial of Col. Duncan B. Cooper, Robin Cooper and John D. Sharpe for the slaying of former Senator E. W. Carmack closed yesterday evening with no further progress in the selection of the jury. Deputy sheriffs are riding the county to summon the third venire of 500 talesmen which will report Friday.

But if no progress was made in completing the jury, it at least was not depleted. Judge Hart spent the day hearing testimony as to the competency of Juror Leigh, and in formulating a definition of drunkenness. About sixty witnesses were examined on both sides. Those for the State were quite positive that Leigh was drunk when selected and was an habitual drunkard.

One man swore that Leigh had declared that Carmack was a "blank blank, and should have been killed long ago." Others said he had expressed the opinion that Sharpe was innocent and that the Coopers were justifiably provoked.

On the side of the defense the witnesses admitted Leigh was a drinking man, that he had taken "a few" the day he was chosen on the jury, but they insisted that he was not drunk within the definition of Judge Hart—that is, that he was not making a public nuisance of himself.

R. H. Sherrin, a member of the grand jury called by the defense, thought Leigh was sober on last Wednesday.

On cross-examination he vigorously denied that after he had gone on the bond of former Sheriff Cartwright, ar-

rested for perjury in connection with this case, he had said "never mind, Tom, this will have to come before me in the grand jury room."

After both sides had closed, Judge Hart called Juror Leigh, explained the charges to him and told him his privileges.

"I was drunk on Tuesday," Leigh promptly agreed, "and also on Wednesday morning, the day I was selected. I never said Carmack should have been killed long ago."

He said he had declared a belief in Sharpe's innocence, but denied saying anything about the Coopers. On cross-examination he qualified his admission of drunkenness and declared what he meant was that he "was a little drinking" those days.

"You mean you were under the influence of liquor the day before you were selected and on the day itself?"

"Yes sir."

"But not drunk?"

"No sir, when I'm drunk I don't know anything."

He admitted that he had been given two drinks a day since being on the jury.

The court ordered Leigh returned to the jury room until his case was decided, and he was advised "to cut out" the two little drinks a day hereafter. Attorney-General McCann asked that an order be entered prohibiting the serving of liquor to the jury and the court so ordered except in the case of Juror Whitworth, whose physician prescribed it. Judge Hart then said he would listen to discussions on the case today, at which, too, these charges against Juror Jackson will be considered.

The Anti-Japanese Bills Are Postponed

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 28.—Legislation against the Japanese was temporarily put aside by the State Legislature yesterday, as a result of an agreement between President Roosevelt, Governor Gillette and the leaders of both houses. Assemblyman A. M. Drew agreed, after a conference with the Governor, to amend his anti-Japanese bill. Grove L. Johnson was not willing to postpone action on his Japanese bills, but a motion to put all the measures over for a week prevailed with little opposition. The Governor received the following telegram from the President yesterday:

"I must again express from the standpoint of all our people the appreciation of the great service that you are rendering. I have absolute and entire faith in the judgment and patriotism of the people of the great State of California, and I know that they will support you. My letter is already on its way to you, and you make it public whenever you desire."

Senator Marc Anthony introduced in the upper house in the morning a joint

resolution calling upon Congress to request that the Japanese consul-general at San Francisco be recalled by his government on the ground that he officially had attempted to influence the action of the California Legislature.

The alleged offense of the consul was that he had called upon Governor Gillette and asked him to prevent the enactment of anti-Japanese bills pending.

Would Ignore Resolution.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—According to Senator Lodge and other members of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Congress would not take cognizance of a resolution which State Senator Anthony introduced in the California Legislature, calling upon Congress to request the recall of the Japanese consul-general at San Francisco. It is asserted that the only manner in which the Government could accomplish the recall of a foreign consular officer, is for the President to cancel his exequatur.

It will be remembered that this work has already been ordered by the council, but for some unknown reason there has never been anything done beyond a little surveying by the railroad officials. Property owners interested will try and get some action taken by the council at once.

If you have lost or found anything do not fail to keep your eye on the classified advertising column.

A Boy's Tragic Death; The Suicide of Woman

TAMPA, Jan. 28.—A most deplorable accident happened on one of Tampa's business thoroughfares yesterday, which resulted in the death of a youth by the name of Parola Parlay, a delivery boy for the O. Falk & Co. dry goods house, and the sole support of his mother and two smaller children. The boy was riding a bicycle on his way to deliver a package to one of the city's boats for the firm he is employed by, when he ran into a horse driven by Mr. Frank Russell, manager of the Economical Drug Store, throwing him heavily to the ground and knocking him unconscious. Mr. Russell jumped from his vehicle, and picking the insensible boy up conveyed him to Dr. Grantham, when it was discovered that intestinal injuries of a most serious character had resulted. The boy was then conveyed to the Emergency Hospital, where he died four hours after the accident occurred. Mr. Russell, though not at all to blame for the boy's colliding with his horse, was greatly shocked and sorrowed by the accident, and generously

offered to pay all attentions to the lad and his entire funeral expenses. The mother is frantic over the death of her 15-year-old boy, who industriously worked to support her and his little brother and sister, their father having some time ago deserted his family and left them in destitute circumstances.

Committed Suicide.

Yesterday at 10:30 o'clock a handsome woman known here as Trixie Brown, died from a dose of laudanum which she took Monday night at the house of Mabel Fuller, where she has been living for some time. It is said the drug was taken immediately after a quarrel she had with a man, who is here to run some of the novelty features on the State Fair Range. Brown is said to be an assumed name. The girl, who was very handsome, is said to be of an excellent family, well-known in Atlanta. Her relatives in that city have been communicated with, but up to this time no word has come from them, and the unfortunate woman will probably be buried here.

Played in Micanopy.

The caste comprising "Charlie's Aunt" left yesterday afternoon by private conveyance for Micanopy, where they played last night to a large and enthusiastic house, being

composed of citizens from many of the places adjacent to Micanopy.

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